



The College of New Jersey

PRESIDENTS CLIMATE COMMITMENT COMMITTEE

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Date: 30 October 2007
Time: 2:00 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Location: Administrative Services Building, Room 103

<u>Meeting Minutes</u>	
1. The committee approved the meeting notes from the last meeting. It was announced that the meeting would pause at about 2:30 for a presentation by Professor B. Hinitz and 3 students who attended the 60 th Annual DPI/NGP Conference at the United Nations in NYC.	M. Horst
2. Initiatives were discussed and included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycle Mania was discussed, but was decided it was too costly at this time. • Purchase of a bus (public transportation) was defeated as it was too costly (\$100,000) and the impact wouldn't be determined until after the purchase. It was suggested a public transportation advertising campaign would be more cost effective. • LEED design to Silver standard was discussed. The College already follows code requirements and incorporates most of these design enhancements as a matter of good design practice. The cost to certify to silver is too great (\$5.4 mil). At this time, we now build to equivalent standards of LEED silver, but will not certify to LEED silver. • Discussion ensued regarding purchasing 15% of electricity on campus, as clean energy makes the most impact on carbon footprints. It would cost \$168,000-\$224,000 yearly to purchase power from renewable sources. • It was thought that initiating a sustainability fee into tuition costs would promote awareness to students, especially new students 	All

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offsets for air travel could amount to \$1000-\$5000 per year, but proof of replanting certification was questioned. 	
<p>3. The meeting was paused and Dr. Hinitz and students presented on the DPI/NGO (Department of Public Information/Non-Government Organizations)Conference. The topic: Climate Change—How It Impacts Us All. A question and answer period followed. Questions included how to incorporate environmental learning into education.</p> <p>It was suggested that B. Anderson from Liberal Learning and T. Asher from Leadership Development be contacted to discuss recommendations for climate neutrality to be incorporated into lecture series and curriculum.</p>	<p>Dr. Hinitz & Students</p>
<p>4. The committee was asked to rate initiatives being considered for presentation to the President. They were rated according to priority and feasibility as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Star purchases • Purchase Renewable Energy Sources • Waste Minimization (awareness, recycle bins, Brita filters) • Public Transportation • Offset of Air Travel • LEED <p>C. Heuring and M. Terry will work on numbers to present to the President regarding Recycle Mania. C. Heuring will meet with A. Radosti to gain information pertaining to the cost of purchasing more recycle bins.</p> <p>M. Horst will compile a memo to present to the President with the committee’s recommendations.</p>	<p>C. Heuring M. Horst</p>
<p>5. M. Bierbaum announced that he participated in a conference regarding climate change and land use. He will share information he attained with the committee via email.</p>	<p>M. Bierbaum</p>
<p>6. It was announced the Student Environmental Forum will be held on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2007 in Forcina Hall, room 132 from 7:00-9:00pm.</p>	<p>M. Terry</p>
<p>7. Next meeting—November 13, 2007</p>	<p>J. Wingerter</p>